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SUBJ: DONOR PROGRAMS FOR THE URBAN POOR

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1. DIRECTOR FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR PROGRAMS IN ECONCOOPMIN TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS NO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY TOWARD THE URBAN POOR. MANY OF THE FRG'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS NATURALLY HAVE AN IMPACT ON URBAN AREAS BUT THE ECONCOOPMIN HAS NOT QUANTIFIED THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY BENEFITING URBAN POOR.

2. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS THE FRG HAS PARTICIPATED EXTENSIVELY IN WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS WHICH, TO A LARGE EXTENT, BENEFIT THE URBAN AREAS, AND IT HAS PARTICIPATED TO A LESSER EXTENT IN HOUSING AND MASS TRANSIT PROGRAMS, UNCLASSIFIED

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BOTH OF WHICH ESSENTIALLY BENEFIT THE CITIES. IN

ADDITION, THE PRIVATE HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND CHURCH GROUPS PARTICIPATE EXTENSIVELY IN URBAN PROJECTS. THESE ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDE STATISTICS ON THE SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION ON THEIR PROGRAMS. ECONCOOPMIN DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR PROGRAMS TOLD US THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIS OWN INFORMATION TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (AND EXPENDITURES) WHICH BENEFIT URBAN AREAS AND WHICH WOULD HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE URBAN POOR. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO COLLECT THIS INFORMATION HOWEVER.

3. REGARDING GENERAL FRG AID POLICY TOWARD URBAN AREAS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLICY PLANNING OFFICE IN ECONCOOPMIN TOLD US THAT THE FRG BELIEVES THAT PROGRAMS DIRECTED TO THE URBAN POOR ARE "SELF-DEFEATING". IN HIS VIEW, PAST PROGRAMS DIRECTED AT URBAN AREAS HAVE ONLY SERVED TO ATTRACT MORE POOR TO THE CITIES. IN LINE WITH THIS STATEMENT ECONCOOPMIN BAHR, IN SETTING OUT THE PRIORITIES OF THE ECONCOOPMIN, HAS INDICATED THAT THE FRG WILL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE RURAL PROGRAMS IN THE COMING YEARS.
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